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To All A
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New Year



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Amateur Radio License Examinations are held on the *first* non-holiday Thursday of every month at The Franklin Institute Science Museum—doors close at 6:30 PM—**SHARP!**

CLUB INFORMATION

Mailing address: P.O. Box 88, Abington, PA 19001

Internet Web site: <http://www.phil-mont.org>

E-mail: info@phil-mont.org

2-meter repeater: 147.03 MHz (Main site Roxborough receiver requires no PL, but transmits 91.5 Hz.)

Additional off-site receivers require the following subaudible tones:

Southampton 131.8 Hz—*Center City* 103.5 Hz—*Lansdale* 114.8 Hz—*Broomall* 85.4 Hz

70-cm repeater: 444.80 MHz (186.2 Hz PL)

Simplex: 147.51 MHz

24-hour club information at W3AA: 215-448-1139

STATIONS

W3AA - (Formerly W3TKQ) The Franklin Institute Science Museum, Philadelphia, PA - Trustee WU3I; Maanager: W3STW

The club sponsors this world-class demonstration station, and welcomes all licensed amateurs to operate it.

W3AA packet BBS frequency: 144.99 MHz: w3aa@w3aa.sepa.pa.usa.noam

W3AA e-mail: w3aa@phil-mont.org

W3EM - Field Day and special events station - Trustee W3VVS

W3QV - 147.03 MHz repeater - Ridge & Port Royal Avenues, Philadelphia, PA - Trustee W3BBB

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DIRECTORS

W3BBB (98); WU3I (98); W3RM (98); W3GQD (99); KB3IV (99); N3XKE (99); W3STW (A)

COMMITTEES

Archives: W3IIN; **Audit:** KE3OP; **Awards:** AA3EP; **Blurb folding:** WB3KOJ & WB3KOH; **Budget:**

K3KUD; **Directory:** WB3KOJ & W3IIM; **DX:** NU3Y; **Education:** W3CH; **Emerg. Coord.:** N3XKE; **Field Day:**

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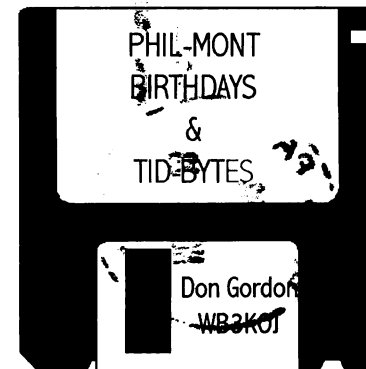
Program: ND3Q; **W3AA** Trustee: WU3I; **W3AA** Station Manager: W3STW; **Welcome:** K3CJ.

NET SCHEDULE

Sunday	09:30	147.03	MHzFM	"Sunday Morning 2 Meter Net
	10:00	28.393 (+ or - for QRM)	MHzSSB	"10-on-10 Net"
	10:20	3.993	MHzSSB	75 Meter Net
Tuesday	20:00	147.03	MHzFM	CW Practice Net

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Eric Marano - N3YXZ
- 02 Don Gordon - WB3KOJ
Patricia Katz (XYL N3OWM)
- 06 Susie Lada - N3FTY
- 07 Hernan Miranda - N3YGZ
- 08 Angelo Drammissi - K3YUN
Jules Stein - KB3AFH
- 09 Jim Bock - K3PHC
- 13 Bill Bianco - KA3ZHB
- 15 Byron Peebles - NZ3O
- 19 Dave Stafford - KE3LK
- 20 Frank Lewis - N3DGU
Mike Tannenbaum - K2BN
- 21 Rick Spencer - N3DHI
- 24 Marty Weinberg - WP4MSX
- 25 Len Hughes - W3LEN
Jim McCloskey - KE3OP
- 27 Mindy Pollack (XYL N3VLC)
Jim Spencer - W3BBB
- 28 Carl Brown - N3SKK
Betty King (XYL W3PXY)
- 31 Rheba Bock (XYL W3PHC)



MEMBERSHIP STATS.

175 FULL
18 FAMILY
9 YOUTH (under 17 yrs)
3 HONORARY
0 PENDING
205

HELP PHIL-MONT Are you planning to join ARRL or renew your current membership? Help P.M.R.C. by joining or renewing through the club...contact Mike Tannenbaum - K2BN, for details.

A Great Evening is Planned

NEWS RELEASE The Delmont Radio Club is pleased to announce that our December speaker will be Derek Pitts (KA3NQN), Chief Astronomer for the Franklin Institute. The dinner meeting will be held at Williamson's Restaurant on December 16th at 7:00 PM. There is a \$17 per person donation to cover the cost of the meal. Cash bar opens at 6:30. Reservations may be made by calling Keith McCallum N3PQZ at 215 884 4226 before Monday the 14th. of December.

"DON'T TAILGATE... WAIT"—for the courtesy 🚗!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Net Control stations should read the following announcements before asking if there are any more announcements for the net.

- VE testing will be held on ^{1/7}December 3 at 6:30 P.M. The 1998 ARRL VE test fee is \$6.35, but there is no charge for the Novice test.
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- On December 2 the Director's meeting will be held in N.E. Philadelphia at the home of WB3KOJ & WB3KOH.
- The General Meeting will be held on December 9th. The program will be the election of Officers and Directors. Please be present and have your vote counted.
- Remember our third Annual Auction will be held on January 13, 1999. Start looking for all the stuff you want to sell. Don't wait 'til the last minute



The PREZ SEZ



Hello Phil-Monsters! This is a big month. This coming meeting is the Elections. When you come in to vote think about these few important items. Don't vote for someone, because they are a nice guy. Being a club officer means that you have to make 10 club meetings and 12 Director's meetings each year. Is the person you are going to vote for willing to do this for you? Look at the track record of the person and vote with your head. Is he or she going to show up and represent you at club meetings in a way that you would expect them to? We have some very good people running for office this time, so think and vote for the best.

We are investigating replacing or upgrading our repeater in the coming year. Jim, W3BBB has even gone on a field trip to see a Link Controller and a GE Master II repeater.

Charlie, AA3EP is still looking for help on Brian's Run. We need about 15 to 20 hams for about two hours or so. This is a very small event in West Chester, PA. You should take note that Charlie has posted the 1999 Public Service Calendar of Events in this month's Blurb. This should give you plenty of time to work an event or two into your calendar.

Also, here in the Blurb, is the Flyer for the Phil-Mont Auction, which will be held on January 13, 1999. Please get the word out! We want to make this a big event this year. It is the main fund raiser of our club. In years gone by the Auction was strictly fun, but we intend this year to be more than fun. We want this year to be a serious fund-raiser. Dick, W3RM has sent into QST, World Radio and others all of the information to have the Auction printed in the January issue of their magazines. This should be a big help. So, start thinking about what you would like to bring and whom you would like to bring to this event. Pass the word.

My BIG Thank -You this month will again go to Al, W3STW. Al has been a God-send to this club. He has stepped right in as Station Manager of W3AA. He is doing a wonderful job with the Franklin Institute staff as well as the day to day operation of the station. An so, A BIG THANK YOU, AL!

On a personal note we will be losing our club Secretary, Carol, N3PVO at the end of this year, as she is running for a Director position. Carol has done a great job for this club for the past two years as our Secretary. Her tiny shoes will be hard to fill even by the big clodhoppers of Art, N3LCV. I hope that you all will think about how hard she has worked for you and show her your support for the office she is running for. Well, as always that is all that time and space will permit. I hope to see you all at the meeting! 73 de Russ, W3CH. a

UPCOMING

- Dec. 2 Directors' Meeting at
WB3KOJ & WB3KOH
N.E. Phila.
- Dec. 3 License Examinations at
The Franklin Institute

General Meetings

December 9—Election of Officers and
Directors

January — 3rd Annual Club Auction

EDITOR'S NOTE

Last month's cover was photographed
by Gene, N3XKE. I forgot to give him
credit

PUBLIC SERVICE EVENTS

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Russ Stafford, W3CH
Phone: (610)631-3401 ext. 902
Packet: w3ch@w3ch.#sepa.pa.usa.noam
E-mail: w3ch@hdj.com

Brians Run on December 6

The MS Thank -you Pizza Party
will be held on March 10, 1999

The WALK on April 18 and May 2

MS-150 City to Shore
September 25 & 26

The Chester County Challenge will be
held on May 16, 1999

VE Test
Locations

Confirm all information, in advance,
with the contact person. Licensed appli-
cants must bring the original, and one
photocopy of their license. All applicants,
including children, must two means of
positive ID. Also bring the original, and a
copy, of any Certificate of Successful
Completion needed to prove current status.
The ARRL VEC's 1998 test fee is \$6.35;
there is no charge for a Novice test.

• **THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE**
Monthly, 1st Thursday—Dusty Rhoads,
ND3Q
215- 879-0505 day, 215- 448-1139 24-
hours

• **BELLMAWR, NJ**
Diane Nafis
609-227-6281

• **BRISTOL**
George LeNoir
215-943-4886

• **LEVITTOWN, PA**
David L. Heller, 215-946-1040

• **LINWOOD, PA**—(Commercial & Amateur
Exams.)
Russ Stafford, W3CH
610-631-3401 x902

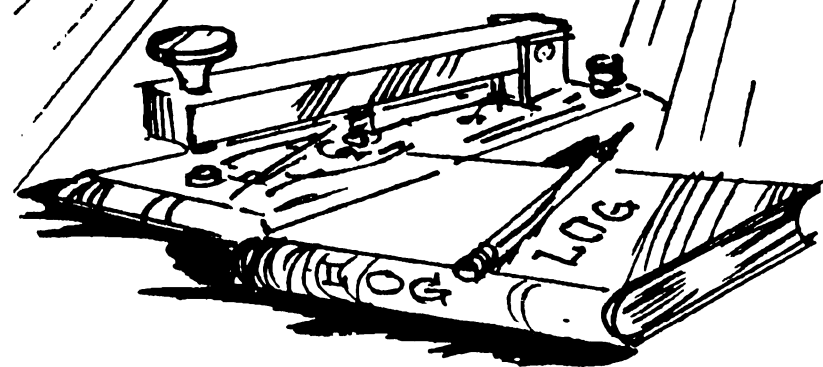
• **TELFORD**
Joseph Burgess
215-723-6697

• **UNIVERSITY OF PA**
Jeff DePolo
215- 898-8538 shack, 215-337-7383
home

• **WARMINSTER**
Tom Michaud, WA3TQJ
(215) 343-3494

• **WILMINGTON**
Giselle Walls
302-478-2757

PHIL-MONT

Silent
Key

NU3Y — Joe Pearlstein

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"A" in 1950 (adding 75 and 20 meter phone privileges); and in December, 1952, upgraded to the then-brand-new "Extra Class" and was issued Extra Class license certificate #AE-54 (no additional privileges!). I changed my primary call to K3DL in 1974; and in 1976, I was able to select my initials, W3RM, under the one-year window for 25-year extra-class licensees. Through the years I've been involved in a number of club activities: as a W3QV/R control operator; as a Director for several terms; as NCS of the Tuesday evening code practice sessions since their beginning; as a VE and as a 'TKQ volunteer operator. I've served on the nominating, awards, budget, field day, publicity, repeater, and by-laws committees. I am seeking reelection to the board of directors; and, if elected to another term, I shall continue to give the club's business my best attention.

Steve Hoch, WU3I- I'm running for reelection to a Board of Director's position. I have served Phil-Mont for the last 7 years — as the Secretary for 2 years, Vice-President for 1 year, President for 2 years and the last 2 years on the Board of Directors.

I joined Phil-Mont in May of 1980. First licensed in 1978 as KA3AMO I upgraded to General in 1986 and Advanced and Extra in 1991. I am a Volunteer Examiner and Trustee of the Club Station W3AA. For the last 2 years I have been and still am the Field Day Chairman and 20 Meter Band Captain.

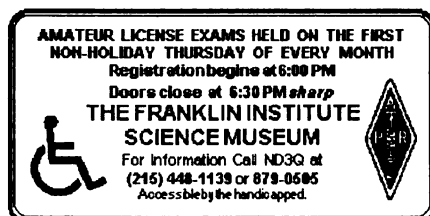
As an employee of SEPTA I can be heard on the Repeater from the train during evening rush hour and just about any old time. My wife is Joann N3FTC and my son is Bryan N3VJE. I believe I inspired

the saying, "If you need something done give it to a busy person and it will get done sooner." At least around Phil-Mont. With your indulgence I will continue to serve the Club for 2 more years.

Al Tribble, W3STW- My interest in amateur radio began toward the end of my tour of duty in the U.S. Army. I had been assigned to Ft Lewis in Tacoma, Wa., after being wounded in Korea. However, on the day I arrived at Fort Lewis, I was told by the duty officer that my unit was out in the field, training for combat duty, in preparation to go back to Korea. I was insistent on not going back to Korea to the extent that the powers that be, put me in the Signal Corps.

Today I hold the Extra Class and Volunteer Examiners licenses. and I am a member of the ARRL and AMSAT organizations. At present I am Net Control for the AMSAT East Coast 75 Meter Amateur Radio Satellite Net; club Director, net control for the PMRC Sunday morning nets and Station Manager of W3AA for PMRC.

My past amateur radio club experiences include Secretary, and Tuesday evening CW training net control for PMRC. I was President, Treasurer, Secretary and Net Control for the Del Val Omik Amateur Radio Club Inc.



Minutes

OCTOBER DIRECTORS' MEETING

Carol Sebzda, N3PVO, Secretary



The November Directors' Meeting was opened at 8:11 p.m. by Russ (W3CH). The following Officers and Directors were in attendance: Russ (W3CH), Charlie (AA3EP), Carol (N3PVO), Mike (K2BN), Jim (W3BBB), Steve (WU3I), Dick (W3RM), Bill (W3GQD), Gene (N3XKE) and Al (W3STW). The following committees reported.

TREASURER - Mike (K2BN) reported we are at that time of year when we spend more than we take in. The interest earned from year to date, over a 10 month period, was \$123.15. The main expense was the Blurb. Receipts for the month were \$161.15 with \$265.43 in disbursements. Leaving a net change in funds of -\$104.28. The W3AA fund spent money giving the fund a -\$4.50 balance for the year to date. Bottom line is we have about \$8,700.00 in the bank.

REPEATER - Jim (W3BBB) reported "the repeater quit one day and Rick (N3DHI) fixed it".

MEMBERSHIP - Russ (W3CH) noted the wording on the membership application regarding donations to W3AA was possibly in need of a change. After a discussion between Officers and Board members, a motion was made and approved to edit the wording in the paragraph. We also had two applicants for membership: Edmond Losco (N3DLV) and Frederick C. Sutherland (N2VIZ). A motion was made and approved to accept the applicants into membership.

EMERGENCY COORDINATION - Russ (W3CH) reported a simulated emergency test would take place on Nov. 12, 13 & 14 for those interested in taking part. The test will start on 146.835 and is sponsored by the Montgomery County RACES.

SUNSHINE - Steve (WU3I) sadly reported, for those who were not aware, Joe (NU3Y) became a Silent Key.

OLD BUSINESS - Al (W3STW) shared his findings on Digital Voice Recorders for message handling for the controller. Discussions on the subject led to discussions on the possibility of upgrading our present controller. More discussions are needed before a definite decision will be made on either a Controller or a Digital Voice Recorder. Also mentioned, club jackets are still available. Contact Ed (KB3IV) if you want to put in an order.

NEW BUSINESS - Jim (W3BBB) proposed to the Board, changing the election process from a party system of nominations back to opening the nomination of offices to anyone who wishes to run for a given office. After a discussion, a motion was made and ap-

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REPORT

Internet: <http://www.fi.edu/tfi/exhibits/w3aa.html>

I have been appointed Station Manager of W3AA. I want to implement and complete defined tasks that keep W3AA operating in accord with the F.C.C. regulations and functioning as a viable exhibit for the Franklin Institute (FI). I'd like to ask W3AA operators to contact me instead of calling the volunteer office when they know, in advance, that they will not be able to keep their tour of duty. If it is a last minute instance, call the fourth floor FI manager.

On W3AA cleanliness, I think we're doing well. Remember it is an FI directive that neither eating nor drinking is permitted in the exhibit areas.

Do any of you, that were instrumental in the W3AA (W3TKQ) 1991 renovation, have any ideas about new carpeting and linoleum for W3AA. Please give me some feed back on this one.

If you are a W3AA operator and need training on the station equipment please let Steve, W3AA Trustee, or me know. We'll get a Saturday session going to refresh not only you, but me as well. We can read the manual together.

Thanks to Gene, N3XKE, a PMRC Director, for his help in installing the new SSTV color printer. Kudos to Rollie, W3PWG, for the color printer cartridge re-fill. You'll have to show me how you did that, at one of our Saturday training sessions.

I would like to get the ATV system back up to speed. I don't think the system is getting much use. For those interested please contact me.

Guess that's about all for this month. 73, Al (W3STW)

162TH MONTHLY VE SESSION STATISTICS SEPTEMBER

12 candidates took 24 elements
4 new amateurs plus 3 upgrade

VE team members:

Dusty Rhoads, ND3Q, Chairman

Jim McCloskey, KE3OP;

Jeff Kerber, KE3UV; Peter Butler, WB2B

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system, and as a result, reporting the details of income and expenses is now available in a timely fashion. The availability of this information has increased the ease of the budgeting process. If reelected I intend to continue working with the new systems in the future.

(Note: The above three biographies were edited from the December 1997 Blurb.)

Arthur Weiner, N3LCV— I have been a HAM since 1991. I currently hold an Advanced Class License. I was a member of Penn Wireless Association until two years ago. I held almost every post at PWA. I also was on the executive board as Vice President for one year and President for two years. I am a member of Bucks RACES and ARES. I have been active in public service in several amateur radio clubs for the past seven years. I am a VE both at W5YI and ARRL. My station consists of six meters, two twenty, four forty and two meters. I also run Ten-Tec HF equipment. I enjoy making my own equipment. I know I can be an asset to the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club.

Candidates for Director

Carol Sebzda, N3PVO - I became a licensed Ham in May 1993 as a No-Code Tech, and upgraded to Tech-Plus in May of 1994. I became a member of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club in November 1993. My interests in Phil-Mont have been as an active participant in Field Day since its return to Phil-Mont, and as a volunteer in the MS-150.

I am employed by Computer Hardware Maintenance Company where I oversee the day to day operations of the parts department.

I have a daughter, Jennifer, who is now 16 years old. Some of you may have heard her a few times on the radio with me. She, unfortunately, does not share my interest in amateur radio.

I would like to see more women active in the club and will encourage all members to be more involved in club activities.

Richard Moll, W3RM- Both the club and I will celebrate 50 continuous years of hamming in 1999! I'm proud to have been associated with PMRC for most of that time, at first as an associate member. I was licensed as a Class "B" operator in January, 1949, signing W3PDJ. I received my Class

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FCC DECLARES COMMUNICATIONS EMERGENCY

From ARRL Headquarters Newington CT November 10, 1998 To all radio amateurs.

Hams not involved in handling emergency traffic must keep away from 14.265 MHz under an FCC mandatory communications emergency. The communications emergency was declared to support the Honduras disaster relief effort.

Under the order, amateurs are required to refrain from using 14.265 MHz (plus or minus 3 kHz) unless they are taking part in the handling of emergency traffic.

The order, issued November 10 by Deputy Chief Arland K. Van Doorn of the FCC Compliance and Information Bureau, remains in effect until rescinded.

PHASE 3D SATELLITE TO UNDERGO TESTING

ARRL Headquarters Newington, CT October 16, 1998 To all radio amateurs.

Amateur Radio's Phase 3D spacecraft will undergo pre-launch testing this month to analyze the satellite's ability to withstand the harsh environment of space. Thermal-vacuum testing is set to begin October 20 at Orbital Sciences Corporation in Germantown, Maryland.

The spacecraft was transported by truck from the Phase 3D Integration Lab in Orlando. AMSAT-NA Executive Vice President Keith Baker, KB1SF, says the satellite will be placed in a large chamber for the thermal-vacuum test, and most of the air will be removed. "Then the temperature will be cycled up and down to simu-

late the harsh heating and cooling environment that the satellite is expected to encounter while in space," he said. A complete thermal cycle runs about 36 hours. The Phase 3D satellite will endure five cycles.

Barring unforeseen problems with the thermal-vacuum test, Baker said, the satellite now is slated to undergo vibration testing to simulate the launcher environment either late this year or early next year.

While the satellite was in town, Maryland-DC AMSAT Coordinator Pat Kilroy, WD8LAQ, has been arranging opportunities for AMSAT members and supporters to view the spacecraft before it enters the test chamber.

For more information on Phase 3D, see the Phase 3D Spacecraft Integration Laboratory Web site, <http://www.magicnet.net/~phase3d/>.

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K2ABZ. Subsequently I obtained the General, Advanced and in 1968 the Extra class. In 1977 I changed my call to K2BN. I was active in the founding of two New York area repeaters, and served as the treasurer for one of them, the Plaza Repeater Group.

In my professional career, I became a CPA and specialized in the design and installation of management information systems. In 1992 my wife Alice (WA2BTB) and I started A.G. Tannenbaum specializing in electronic service data and parts. At first this was a part time activity for me, however it has grown rapidly, and by 1994 we were looking for more space. In 1995 we moved to the Philadelphia area, and became active in the Phil-Mont club. This year I installed an automated ac-counting

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OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

Carol Sebzda, N3PVO, Secretary

The 581st General Meeting of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club was opened at 8:02 p.m. by Russ (W3CH). A motion was made and approved to waive the reading of the minutes. The following committees reported.

TREASURER - Mike (K2BN) reported we are at the time of year when expenses exceed receipts. The good news is we are on budget. We will make it through the end of the year and have money in the bank.

FIELD DAY - Steve (WU3I) reported the results from Field Day should be in the December QST. He is still looking for a "free" camper to use at Field Day. As long as it has a Title, he will make it work.

MEMBERSHIP - Russ (W3CH) reported we have 2 new members who were voted in at the last Directors' Meeting, Edmond Losco (N3DLV) and Frederick C. Sutherland (N2VIZ). Welcome to Phil-Mont.

NET CONTROL - Ed (KB3IV) reported the Nets are running relatively well. The 10 Meter Net has been running into difficulties with the band being open, therefore, you may find the net moved 5 or 10 KC on either side of 28.393 on those occasions, if possible. The CW Net is still in need of help. Contact Ed if you have the time to help out.

PROGRAM - Charlie (AA3EP) reported December's Meeting will be the elections and January's Meeting will be the 3rd annual auction.

REPEATER - Jim (W3BBB) reported, "it's working".

PUBLIC SERVICE - Charlie (AA3EP) reported Brian's Run is the next event, on the first Sunday in December.

SUNSHINE - Steve (WU3I) reported we have experienced several losses this month, Joe (NU3Y) became a Silent Key, the XYL of George (N3JDM) passed away and the mother of Jules (W3SV) also passed away. Our condolences to the families of all.

W3AA - Al (W3STW) reported the new color printer is being used to printout slow scan pictures which are being handed out to some of the school groups that come through the station. The Kenwood 570D had a problem with its lithium battery, but has been repaired.

WELCOME - Charlie (K3CJ) reported 27 members and 6 visitors in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS - Ed (KB3IV) reported club jackets are still available. Contact Ed if interested.

NOMINATION - Al (W3STW) opened the floor for nominations for office. The results

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Commentary — Commentary

In the past, the 10 on 10 Net was held in the General portion of the HF band. After much discussion, the Phil-Mont Board of Directors decided that they would change the frequency and move it down to the Novice and Tech+ portion of the band. There about 14 people in the club who now can join in every Sunday morning on an HF net. Where are you all? The turn out for the net has been encouraging the past few weeks. I, for one, am happy to be able to use HF. But, I have not heard many Novice or Tech+ operators on the frequency (28.393). Give it a try. Remember, if you don't use it, you will lose it.

Editor (N3TAL)

1998 CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE

Russ Stafford, W3CH President I have been around ham radios all my life. My grandfather was a longtime ham who taught me code at a very young age. I took classes at the Goldsboro-Wayne ARC, and got my Novice ticket. At that time, you had one year to upgrade. This meant back to the club for classes. Well I passed my General. There was no reason at that time to get a Technician, since there where no 2-meter repeaters.

After a few more years of playing on the low bands, I found myself hanging around the local radio station, WGOL. The station owner told me one day that if I got my Third-class Radio Telephone he would give me a job. This would be my first non-agricultural job. My grandfather said as long as I kept up with my chores, around the farm, I could work for WGOL. I worked

SOME 1999 HAMFESTS

JAN. 31— Odenton, MD
 FEB. 7 — Latrobe, PA
 FEB. 13 — Westfield, NY
 FEB. 20 — near Horseheads, NY
 MAR. 20 — Lewisburg
 MAR. 27-28 — Timonium, MD
 APR. 25 — Penn-Del ARC - DE
 MAY 2 — Wrightstown, PA
 JUNE 4- 6 — Rochester, NY
 JUNE 12 — Bloomsburg, PA
 JUNE 12 — Cortland, NY
 JULY 3 — Wilkes-Barre, PA
 JULY 11— Kimberton, PA
 AUG. 7— Lewistown, PA
 SEP. 11— Erie, PA
 SEP. 12— Butler, PA
 SEP. 18 — Hamburg, NY
 SEP. 25 — Horseheads, NY
 SEP. 26 — Bowie, MD
 OCT. 3 — Pack Rats - PA

there until my last year of high school.

I received a football scholarship to the University of Delaware, and once I settled-in at the University, I went looking for a job. The General Manager of radio station WAMS, in Wilmington, said the third-class wasn't enough. I would need to get a Second-class. I took the Second-class test, passed, and I got the job at WAMS. In about a year, I upgraded to First-class. This worked out very well. In fact, at one time I was working full-time at WAMS, and part-time for WNRK and WSER.

During this time I met Gail (KA3DPB). I graduated from college with a BSEE, and went into the Marine Corps, and rose to the rank of Lieutenant. Gail and I were married and we had two children, Holly (KA3MSJ) and Dave (KE3RL). When the Vietnam war ended I came home and

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PUBLIC SERVICE — HELP THE HOMELESS

Many of you in Montgomery County and M.A.R.C. already know me. I recently had the pleasure of meeting many others at the Phil-Mont A.P.R.S. meeting at the Franklin Institute.

For the past 13 years, I have organized a successful clothing drive for the homeless of Philadelphia. We pick one or two nights each year, drive into Center City Philadelphia, find homeless individuals, and then hand out the articles they need most (jackets, hats, gloves, blankets, shoes, socks, etc.). We specifically target those who do not, or cannot make it to the shelters. Their misfortune has no boundaries, and we've seen it affect all ages, sexes, races and religious backgrounds. The amount of clothing we distribute is significant, and has certainly played a role in limiting weather related tragedies, and deaths in Philadelphia.

While our effort has been successful, it has, at times been less than efficient. I have seen just how much good Amateur Radio can be as an organized family of operators. I would now like to expand that application, one step further. In a manner which requires very little time, and absolutely no money. So how can the Amateur Radio community help? Here's how.

Our dilemma involves coordinating supply with demand. One team of volunteers may have what the other team needs. Team #1 desperately needs mens shoes and socks at Chestnut and Broad, while Team #2 has them, but doesn't know they are even needed, much less, at which intersection. Cellulars just don't work in this situation. Can you guess what does? How about a volunteer operator with an HT in each car, and of course, a local repeater. Can you help?

Just think what a difference "radio-dispatched goodwill" could make to this project. We will gladly provide the coffee and a selection of pastries. Not to mention the ultimate satisfaction of knowing how much good has been done. The Philadelphia Police Dept., Salvation Army, Project Blue and others have all been very helpful in telling us where to look. We have also learned through 13 years experience. I am now hoping for some support from within the Amateur Radio community, for this one or two night project in early December.

Please let me know if you can participate, and to what extent. We desperately need some HT operators willing to come along for the drive. Safety is never compromised, and the results are immediate and life-sustaining.

Thank you for this consideration, Please contact N3ZRR at quietcam@ix.netcom.com or at (610) 331-2166 24 hrs. a day. Thanks again, Bob Duran N3ZRR

(Editor's note: This is a wonderful opportunity to provide public service. That's why we are here!)

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started a small business, part-time, while I worked at two full-time jobs to feed the family.

It was then that we found out that Gail had cancer. These were bad times, but ham radio got me through. Gail passed away at a young age. I began working on the business full-time as it was growing.

I took the Advanced, passed, and immediately tried for the Extra. I passed the code without problems, but did very badly on the written portion. The next time I took the Extra I passed. The two best things that have happened to me in a very long time are, first and most important, is that four years ago I met Chris (N3WCO), who has been great for me, and I hope to share the rest of my life with her. My interests in ham radio include emergency communications and public service. To my credit, I've been Vice President of the Goldsboro-Wayne ARC, President of D.V.A. R.S. and the 96 Over-The-Hill Gang, and Secretary as well as President of The Phil-Mont Mobile Radio club. My other interests, aside from Ham radio, are flying and trains. I hope to have our club grow even more this year and be the best Ham radio club in the Delaware Valley. This club was founded on the advancement of amateur radio, and that is exactly what we plan to do. As your President, I will bring what I've learned in the business arena, and make a strong and growing club.

Charlie Weigand, AA3EP Vice-President I was first licensed in 1980 as KA3EBC. I was not very active until 1987 when I received my first 2-meter radio. In 1989 I joined P.M.R.C., and was thrown into the public service fire that same summer. I have been doing that now for 8 years, and plan to keep doing it until I'm no longer

able to. I was elected to be a club director in '94, in a close race, and still hold that position. As your new Vice President, I hope to keep up the great programs that we have had the last year, and keep them interesting. I know that this is not a very long 'bio' but I really don't have much to say about myself.

Michael Tannenbaum, K2BN Treasurer I was first licensed as a Novice and Technician in April 1952. My first call was

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proved to make the change back. It was also noted that a nominating chairperson was needed for the upcoming elections. Al (W3STW) chose to take on the task and to contact members and to try to get members interested in running for an office. Also, discussed was limiting the time an officer can remain in one office. There will be further discussions on this subject before a decision will be made.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 9:59 p.m. by Russ (W3CH). Thanks to Steve (WU3I) and Joann (N3FTC) for hosting the meeting.

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are as follows: President - Russ (W3CH), Vice-President - Charlie (AA3EP), Secretary - Art (N3LCV), and Treasurer - Mike (K2BN). Running for the three open Directors' positions are Steve (WU3I), Dick (W3RM), Carol (N3PVO) and Al (W3STW).

With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8:35 p.m. by Russ (W3CH) and the floor turned over to our program speaker, Chris (N3IED). Hope to see you all at the next General Meeting.

WB3KOJ Retires

We have heard that Donald, WB3KOJ, is retiring. The big question is what will be the difference?

Before Retirement:

Always on 147.03
Always has stock quote
Buy/sell Lladros
Buy/sell stocks
Always on line

After Retirement:

Always on 147.03
Always has stock quote
Buy/sell Lladros
Buy/sell stocks
Always on line

What the heck, we just don't know what the differences would be. Except he will be receiving Social Security.
73 de The Eavesdropper

Field Day Results are Finally In

Well the results are out and we placed number 7 in a category of 75. THATS THE TOP 10%!!!

We done good gang and hopefully we will do better next year. The gang from RF Hill got us by 198 points for Sixth place and another 72 points after that was fifth place so we were close to the top 5% by points. Same place next year — and we will try to move up the ladder. Band Captains are the same as last year unless a Captain resigns.

The Field Day Committee is looking for any and all **Pop-Up campers** we can get donated to the Club. If you know someone who has a camper, they are not using, contact WU3I.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM W3RM	2 DIRECTOR'S MEETING at WB3KOJ & WB3KOH N.E. Phila.	3 Full Moon ☉ 163 st LICENSE EXAM Session at The Franklin Institute Registration begins at 6:00 Door close as 6:30 p.m. sharp!	4	5 Prohibition ended with ratification of the 21st amendment in 1933
6 2M NCS N3FTY 10M NCS W3HFX 75M NCS W3PWG	7 Pearl harbor attacked, 1941	8 CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM WA3NSP	9 GENERAL MEETING at The Franklin Institute Refreshments at 7:00 p.m. Meeting starts at 7:30.	10	11	12 Blurb DEADLINE!
13 2M NCS WA3NSP 10M NCS W3HFX 75M NCS W3STW	14 First day of Chanukah	15 CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM W3AOK	16 . . .	17 The Wright brothers made first successful airplane flight, 1903	18 New Moon ●	19
20 2M NCS N3OWM 10M NCS W3HFX 75M NCS N3JDM	21	22 CODE PRACTICE NET at 8 PM W3RM	23	24 "Silent Night, Holy Night" composed, 1818	25 CHRISTMAS	26
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